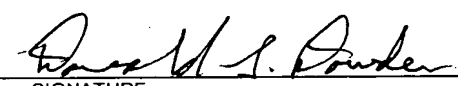


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		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/521612
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DK2003/000497	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 July 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 16 July 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION Case-Hardening of Stainless Steel		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Marcel A.J. Somers, Thomas Christiansen, and Per Moller		
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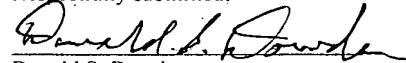
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